

### **REMARKS**

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23, and 25-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 21 and 28 are the independent claims. Claims 28 and 29 have been added to afford Applicants an increased scope of protection. No new matter has been added.


Support for the amendment to Claim 1 can be found in Figs. 6 and 7A-7C, in which “x” represents a virtual image index and “o” represents a real image index.

In addition to the reasons presented in the Request for Reconsideration filed February 27, 2004, the changes to Claim 1 are believed to more clearly define the invention over the citations of record. Claims 21 and 29 are also believed to be allowable.

Favorable and early examination on the merits is requested.

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